

Dear Members of the FCC,
Now, more than ever, we need to OPEN our airwaves as opposed to closing them down. The fact that the majority of our airwaves (as well as print media) are owned by a very small minority is threatening the very concept of WHY our forefathers felt the need to include the first amendment to our constitution in the first place.

When the ONLY way I, as an AMERICAN CITIZEN, can get the unspun, absolute truth regarding the war in Iraq is to try and establish a connection with a FOREIGN news media, than you know there is something terribly, horribly wrong.

We have the BEST, the strongest, the most powersul constitution on the planet. Yet, we continue to undermine and chip away at it thinking it won't do any harm. Think again. Millions have died dreaming of having the kind of freedoms we take for granted in this county. Once we start throwing those freedoms away, legislating them away, giving them away, then we are no better than any of the dictators we have spoken out against or helped to overthrow.

My father, now 90, fought in the 10th Mountain Division in World War II. He watched as the majority of his comrades did not come home alive and to this day is unable to speak about his experiences in the war. I know he came back with a bronze star, and the firm convictions that our constitution must be protected at all costs as should peace - that war should always be a last resort. He passed those convictions along to me.

I urge you not to undermine the backbone of our country *any further* by undermining satellite radio's right to free speech. Satellite radio is not a threat any more than video tapes, CD's, television or FM radio turned out to be. Please consider the larger picture. Sometimes commerce and money are NOT the most important issue. Sometimes freedom is.

Respectfully submitted, I am sincerely yours,
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